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I support any effort to restore Thomas Square to the beautiful park it was prior to the Homeless tents along Beretania and King Streets.

I was recently at Thomas Square and the Women's bathroom was fouled with diarrhea and the toilets were stopped up. Additionally, the fountain smelt like human feces and the banyan tree reeked of urine. Thomas Square will itself become a disease propagating site if measures are not immediately implemented.

Not only is it disturbing to allow squatters to camp out along the sidewalk, it has hindered parking along the sidewalk creating an unsafe situation for access to the sidewalk. Furthermore, people have returned to their automobiles only to discover that the tires facing the sidewalk have been slashed.

How much longer will City taxpayers be burdened with an unclean, unsafe park that was meant for everyone to enjoy and appreciate? It's time to move the homeless out and reclaim the park for the silent public majority which includes families and community activities.

Regards,

DarleneK, Sawamura